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For (Title):

STAGE APPARATUS, VIBRATION CONTROL METHOD AND EXPOSURE

APPARATUS

By (Inventors):

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Priority of foreign applications No. 2000-393837 filed December 25, 2000 in Japan and No. 2000-393838 filed

 \boxtimes December 25, 2000 in Japan are claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).

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